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H.B. No. 3192

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to standards for expulsion policies of certain child-care facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 42, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 42.0429 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.0429. POLICY ON EXPULSION. (a) Each day-care center, group day-care home, and listed or registered family home shall review the facility's policies to determine whether the facility has adopted a policy that addresses procedures for suspending or expelling a child from the facility.

(b) If a facility described by Subsection (a) has not adopted an expulsion policy, the facility shall consider adopting a policy that describes the procedures the facility must follow before the facility may suspend or expel a child from the facility and that includes:

(1) the procedures facility teachers and other personnel must follow when providing care to a child with behavioral issues;

(2) the communications facility personnel must have with the child's family and caregivers; and

(3) any referrals facility personnel may make to behavioral health specialists who may be available to address the child's behavioral issues.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.